

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

**BILL:** CS/SB 436

**INTRODUCER:** Higher Education Committee and Senator Baker

**SUBJECT:** Seminole Community College

**DATE:** February 18, 2010      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Harkey	Matthews	HE	Fav/CS
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**Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:**

A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE.....  Statement of Substantial Changes

B. AMENDMENTS.....  Technical amendments were recommended

Amendments were recommended

Significant amendments were recommended

**I. Summary:**

This bill would change the names of Palm Beach Community College to Palm Beach State College and Seminole Community College to Seminole State College of Florida.

This bill amends sections 288.8175 and 1000.21, Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Changing a College's Name**

A community college may change its name to college or state college<sup>1</sup> if it has been authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees<sup>2</sup> and has been accredited to do so by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or, alternatively, with board-of-trustees and

<sup>1</sup> s. 1001.60(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1007.33, F.S., requires a community college to provide notice to the Division of Florida Colleges in the Department of Education of its intent to provide a baccalaureate degree program. The Division of Florida Colleges must review the proposal, and the Commissioner of Education must recommend approval or disapproval of the proposal to the State Board of Education. The statute also provides exceptions to the requirements for notice and State Board of Education approval.

State Board of Education approval. The college must seek a statutory codification of the name in the year following the college's name change.

**Palm Beach Community College**

Palm Beach Community College serves Palm Beach County.<sup>3</sup> On February 19, 2008, the State Board of Education approved the college's application to establish a bachelor of applied science program in supervision and management. In September 2009, the college's board of trustees approved a motion to rename the institution Palm Beach State College.

**Seminole Community College**

Seminole Community College serves Seminole County.<sup>4</sup> On January 21, 2009, the State Board of Education approved the college's application to establish a bachelor of applied science program in interior design. In September 2009, the college's board of trustees approved a motion to rename the institution Seminole State College of Florida.

Palm Beach Community College and Seminole Community College have met the statutory requirements for changing their names. They have been authorized by the State Board of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees and have been accredited to do so by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The boards of trustees of the respective colleges have approved new college names. This bill would codify the name changes.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill would change the names of Palm Beach Community College to Palm Beach State College and Seminole Community College to Seminole State College of Florida.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

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<sup>3</sup> s. 1001.21(3)(r), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> s. 1000.21(3)(y), F.S.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The community colleges would incur the cost of changing their names on signage and stationery. The cost is indeterminate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Higher Education on February 18, 2010:**

The committee substitute changes the name of Palm Beach Community College to Palm Beach State College.

B. Amendments:

None.